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Marginal Column
By COMMENTATOR

THIS then is to be our last column for 1952 and we may be forgiven a number of remarks of a more general and more personal nature than usual. There is, and it is only right that there should be, less anonymity and less reticence in a column than in an editorial, and a statement of policy, or rather methodology at not too frequent times, appears permissible.

WE have tried to concentrate on two particular aspects of international relations in this column: Middle East affairs, a vital but sadly neglected field in the Israel press is one of them. It might be fascinating and occasionally reassuring to follow what is happening in far-off lands — and this is after all one world nowadays—but events in neighbouring countries have far better or worse a special bearing on Israel and should never escape our attention.

ANOTHER of our preoccupations in these columns which might have appeared somewhat excessive prior to the Prague trials needs some further explanation at the present stage. There are a number of important differences between a political philosopher and theorist on one hand and a writer on world affairs in a daily paper or a periodical. The former has to solve a problem only for himself; the latter has to comment on current events, and as these by their very nature are repetitive, he may have to be repetitive too.

IT is especially the last few months, have brought about an important change in this respect, which we can without hesitation call a turning point in history. The danger of aggression in East is not over, but this will in any case not be reflected by articles in the press, second, perhaps more real and insidious danger of the myth about the progressive and revolutionary character of the ideology of those countries has been finally exploded, at least as far as this country and the Jewish people are concerned — in the long view, of course. If the Communists now state, as they do in this country and elsewhere, that the antisemitic Prague trial is a triumph of Communist justice and the Stalinist peace movement, we can not think of any comment which would be both more appropriate and more damaging to their justice and their struggle for peace. Any comment made by us would be not merely a waste of energy, it might positively weaken the impression created by the Communists. And this through no fault of their propagandists who are undoubtedly taking the prescribed line: they have to make the best of a bad bargain; but how can you make good in this country with an anti-Jewish line, especially if there is every reason to assume that it has come to stay?

THIS then is an encouraging development from our point of view, inasmuch as it will release us, at least partly from the frequently tedious task of drawing attention to the essentially reactionary nature of Stalinism: we have reason to hope that this will largely be done for us by our friends, the Communists in the coming year. And so, we shall be able to pay more attention to other things which do after all matter in this world of ours, some pleasure and gratification, others less so. We might for instance tell our readers the interesting story of the competition for a new Egyptian national anthem recently announced because the march from "Aida" is considered not representative of the national struggle of the Egyptian people and the fight against British Imperialism. Some of the proposed songs have already been broadcast by Cairo Radio, and one in particular with a really catchy tune was wide acclaimed. Unfortunately the tune was not altogether unknown in England, as some readers in the Cairo press hastened to point out. "Every Little Bit Helps" — But this story, like several others that used to mind, appears to belong to the new year: Jerusalem, December 31.

COMMUNIST LEADER
WORLD IN GERMANY
HAGEN, WESTPHALIA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Fritz Thrun, head of the Communist German Farmers Committee, has been arrested on a charge of preparing his troops, police here said today.

Balancing Budget Under Discussion

Problems of balancing the Ordinary Budget were discussed at the first meeting of the newly-appointed Committee of Economic Ministers yesterday in Jerusalem.

Gov't to Finance Citrus Expansion

Financial aid to extend the area of citrus groves by 10,000 to 15,000 dunams during the coming year is to be granted by the Government, Finance Minister L. Eshkol told representatives of the Citrus Marketing Board whom he saw in Jerusalem yesterday.

Due to superior quality two cases of local citrus bring two to three shillings more than Spanish fruit, it was said.

The representatives expressed their hopes that exports this year would justify expectations, in addition to Mr. Eshkol, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphat, and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. T. Efrati, were present.

The Farmers' Association Board will hold a meeting next week to discuss the citrus situation. Proposals to increase planters' financial losses were discussed yesterday at a routine meeting of the Citrus Control Board, at which Mr. Eshkol, Mr. Naphat, and Mr. Efrati were present.

Foreign Trade Balance for First 8 Months Shows IL 78m. Deficit

Israel's balance of foreign trade for the first eight months of 1952, calculated at the exchange rate of one Israeli pound to \$2.80, resulted in a trade deficit of IL 77,845,055, according to the Central Bureau of Research which took over the compilation from the Treasury at the end of November.

Imports without payment, i.e., with the cancellation of foreign exchange, required IL 16.4m. against IL 8.1m. last year.

Compared with the same period last year, when the deficit was IL 58.8m., the adverse trade balance increased IL 32m., or 22 per cent.

While the deficit payable in foreign currency was somewhat smaller than in the total trade deficit, it has risen by no less than 27.5 per cent if calculated as a percentage of foreign currency required.

During the period March-August, 1952, the total import value, on the basis of actually paid exchange rates, was in the main groups as follows (IL 1,000):

RATES OF EXCHANGE

Total A S C

All Goods 134.00 30.25 87.00

Fruit & Seeds 21.00 5.00 4.50

New Materials 21.00 4.00 3.50

Imports 26.10 6.00 5.50

Exports 12.00 3.00 2.50

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The most important groups of commodities imported into Israel during the period under review were machinery, iron and steel and manufactures thereof, grain and flour, seeds, beans and nuts for oils, fats, gums and resins (including oil), and "other foodstuffs."

In the first eight months of 1952 the import-value of all these groups increased, as compared with the same period in the preceding year. The import-value of the group "Iron and steel and manufactures thereof" almost doubled, while the import-value of grain and flour showed an increase of more than IL 3m. (or 61 per cent).

SHAW BRIEFS

Compared with the first eight months of 1951, the categories of consumers' production and investment goods and foodstuffs showed a rise in import values.

As a percentage of total import-value investment goods showed the largest rise (from 20.7 per cent in 1951 to 28.5 in 1952); a smaller comparative increase was shown by production goods (from 15.1 per cent in 1951 to 16.5 in 1952), whereas imports of consumer goods (from 28.1 per cent in 1951 to 22.1 in 1952) fell.

The following table gives a survey of imports from and exports to the most important countries of origin of Israel's total imports and exports:

Country 1951 1952
S-VIII S-VIII

Total Trade Value 96.7 102.0

Commerce 26.4 22.7

Trade Balance 9.1 8.5

Trade in Manufactures 12.1 12.5

Trade in Primary Goods 1.9 4.4

The table below gives a survey of imports from and exports to the most important countries of origin of Israel's total imports and exports:

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IMPORT-VALUE

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Food Knives 1.2 1.2

Knives 1.2



Waterman's Ink

Social & Personal

President Ben-Gurion gave a luncheon yesterday for Sir Arthur Mortimer, Chief of Staff, and Mrs. Mortimer, two members of the Executive, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Defense, and the President of the Association. On Monday evening of the close of his tour of Tel Aviv, the President called on Mrs. Morris Rosenblatt, on the occasion of the party's 20th anniversary.

The parliamentary Interior Committee gave a reception yesterday for Mr. Y. S. Kastor, Minister of Interior, who became Minister of Social Welfare.

The Minister of Interior Mr. Y. S. Kastor, visited the Jerusalem Cinema, and gave a speech after a private visit here. Another passenger observed the place was Mr. R. S. Rosenblatt, manager of the airline who also left for the French capital.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P., formerly British Chancellor of the Exchequer, is on a five-day visit at the guest of the Governor of the Bank. He will return at the end of the week for a four-day visit to Israel before returning to Britain.

A reception to mark the opening of Hotel Or-Gel, Hill Street, Jerusalem, was held at the Israel residence of representative members of national institutions as well as Members of the Knesset and Ministerial officials. Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of New York and Miami, owners of the building, which also houses the embassy bearing the same name as the American hotel, received the guests.

Dr. Aryeh Alman, M.M., (Hertz) turned 20 Al from the USA and Europe yesterday.

Mr. Fred W. Pollack, Consul General of Israel in India, has been named Honorary Consul of Israel in India. Mr. Pollack, editor of "India and Israel," the only Jewish newspaper in India, also serves as the country's commercial representative in India and South-East Asia.

Mr. Moshe Sason left by "El Al" yesterday to take up his new post as Second Secretary at the Israeli diplomatic representation in Athens. Mr. Sason, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, Minister of Labour, served in the African Division of the Foreign Ministry at Haifa.

Mr. Yosef Amsz, of the Finance Ministry, has returned from a mission to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hirt, of the Belgian Consulate, arrived in Israel yesterday and are visiting Mr. Robert T. Tyler, American Consul-General in Jerusalem.

Mr. Maurice Gendron, the cellist, arrived a week ago from the Royal Concert Hall Orchestra in Tel Aviv last night under the baton of George Szell.

Mr. N. Kastor, director of the Import Department of Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, is to resign next week on January 1.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the death of Prof. L. Mandelbaum, the Rector of the Hebrew University and the Department of Physical Chemistry, will be given by Prof. Y. Ohannessian of the University of California, Los Angeles (Cyclotron, Radiation, etc.) at Tel Aviv, January 14. Prof. Dr. Geller, Jerusalem, will speak at 8 p.m.

At Mandelbaum's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, Mr. A. Shulman, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce, will speak on "Transport Problems in Israel."

BIRTH & DEATHS: NELIA SACAROVITCH - To Nelia (nee Reznikoff), wife of Mr. David (see Deaths) on December 8, 1952, a son, a brother to Shmuel and Gila. The birth will take place at 12 noon at Frumin Hospital, Tel Aviv. Relations and friends are cordially invited.

ON THE AIR

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Temp.	62	63	64	65	66	67
Hum.	72	73	74	75	76	77
Wind.	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Cloud.	8	8	8	8	8	8
Rain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fog.	0	0	0	0	0	0

FORECAST FOR

"At 7 a.m. on Dec. 31, 1952, the sky is clear, wind SW, 8 m.p.h., temperature 62°. At 12 noon, the sky is clear, wind SW, 8 m.p.h., temperature 63°. At 5 p.m., the sky is clear, wind SW, 8 m.p.h., temperature 64°. At 10 p.m., the sky is clear, wind SW, 8 m.p.h., temperature 65°."

TWO MEMBERS of the crew of the a.s. Cohen deserted the ship in New York before the vessel left for the Suez Canal. They were captured by the U.S. Coast Guard and are now in custody.

FOUR BILLION 14-cent meters of window glass of U.S. make and the official price of U.S. have been sold and his son, Yehoshuk, owner of the Yehoshuk Glass Co., Tel Aviv, was fined \$1,000 by the Tel Aviv Anti-Prostitution Court yesterday. Michael Liberman, an employee, was fined \$1,000 with the same sentence. The two fines were imposed on the same charge.

CHARGED WITH STEALING dozens of sets of white tablecloths and napkins, colored to make it look like outside off, David Said, 34, of Tel Aviv, was fined \$1,000 yesterday by the Tel Aviv Court. The court also ordered the sum be paid in January 1953 to various persons.

THE "DAM" hot company and a driver, Avraham Wilberg, are being sued for \$1,000 damages by Esther Stern, widow of Yaakov Stern, who died recently and run over by Wilberg last January.

SHMUEL SULEIMAN EL RAYTAI'S car was stolen from outside his home in the tribal area in the Negev.

A TRUCK PASSED ON the Kinneret-Zippori road was yesterday dynamited by three wheels, a dynamite, and its petrol pump.

A PLATINUM KING valued at \$1,000 was stolen yesterday from a drawer in the apartment of Mrs. Sara Crystal, of the German Colony, in Jerusalem.

Electricity Authority Studies PEC Increase

The request by the Palestine Electric Corporation for an 18 per cent increase in power charges has not yet been brought before the Minister of Finance for a decision, according to Ministry sources in Jerusalem.

The Electricity Authority is still studying the data supplied by the Corporation and its recommendations are expected within a few days. While no decision has been reached, it is believed that there is a chance that an eight to nine per cent increase would be more justified than the proposed 15 per cent.

It is also understood that the Jerusalem Electric Corporation has asked for a 20 per cent rise, but a decision on this will await the outcome of the PEC request.

Prof. Weiss to Teach Talmud at University

Professor Abraham Weiss has been appointed Associate Professor of Talmud at the Hebrew University. He will give his first public lecture here on "The Work of the Talmud: Their Share in the Talmud" at the Rechavim building in Jerusalem at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Professor Weiss succeeds Professor J. N. Epstein who died a year ago.

He was appointed Professor of Talmud and Zionism at the newly opened Institute of Jewish Studies in Warsaw in 1948. He remained there until 1950. From 1950 to 1952, he was Professor of Talmud in New York, at Yeshiva University. While writing several comprehensive works on the formation of the Babylonian Talmud, he has written many articles on the Talmud.

Personal Notices

Esther (nee Froides) & Abraham Hashin

Jerusalem

are happy to announce the birth of a

SON

To brother to Milly

on Tuesday, December 30, 1952, at the

Shawet Sodah Hospital, Jerusalem.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Cohen and Mrs. Frieda Feibisoff

Tel Aviv, Israel

are happy to announce the engagement of their children

HERMINE and ROBERT

December 31, 1952

Mr. & Mrs. S. Broza

Tel Aviv

announce the marriage of their daughter, Editha, to

Mr. Max Stein, 23, youngest son of Mrs. H. and

the late Mr. S. Stein, of London, on Dec. 29, 1952.

Gilda (Galia) GRANOVSKY and Abraham COHEN

of Jerusalem, Israel

MARRIED

Jerusalem, December 30, 1952

Low Protein Supplies Causing Cancer

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The current shortage of meat, fish and eggs is being watched with concern, as it may further diminish the animal protein content in the general diet. It was pointed in Jerusalem yesterday. In November, this was already down to 21.9 grams a person per day, instead of the required 30 grams.

The first shipments of meat from the Argentine are due only in about three weeks. It is therefore not certain yet whether any meat ration at all will be distributed during January.

A shipment of 1,200 tons of meat has just left the Argentine for Israel and credits have already been issued for another 1,200. About one ton of meat was required for the distribution of a 120-gran ration of meat to the population.

As no meat ration has been distributed for the past three weeks, the demand for unrationed meat has considerably increased. Now, pork, in its turn, has become scarce.

The five-day ration, which has always supplemented or replaced the meat ration, has been distributed either for the past two weeks. Shortage of unrationed meat has also been reported from many localities.

The shortage of poultry flocks has made the supply of eggs difficult, but the Ministry of Commerce and Industry hopes that it will still be possible to distribute two rations of three eggs each and two rations of two eggs each, in January.

Incubation of Eggs

The possibility of temporarily stopping the incubation of eggs so that flocks supplies may suffice for existing stocks of hens is being studied by the Ministry of Commerce at the request of poultry raisers.

The Ministry is also studying requests that higher prices be fixed for poultry which must be paid due to the shortage of fodder and that poultry be decontrolled.

Steps for the urgent purchase of poultry flocks were reported on Monday at a meeting in Jerusalem between representatives of the farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture. Mr. P. Neustadt, the Deputy Minister, Mr. Y. Krik, and the head of the Food Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. A. Hilevi.

Poultry Unfounded

Mr. Neustadt said that the farmers fear that the Government intended to liquidate poultry farming was completely unfounded.

The Minister of Agriculture reported that at a meeting between representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and Finance an allocation of \$50,000 was approved for the urgent purchase of 2,000 tons of flocks from Cyprus. A shipment of 2,000 tons from another source is due within a few days. Orders have already gone out for 5,000 tons more and negotiations are in progress for yet another 10,000 tons.

It was stated, however, that a total of 30,000 tons of grain flocks are required before the first quantities of local flocks are available.

TRAINING FRIGATE RAILS FROM CAPE VERDE

The Navy frigate, carrying sailors on a training cruise, sailed from the Cape Verde Islands toward Tel Aviv on Monday, an Army spokesman announced yesterday.

The frigate put in at the 200-mile point on Sunday to take aboard stores and fuel.

WORK ON THE First 10 units of the Popular Housing Project in Acre was started yesterday. Some 150 families originally registered, but 50 have withdrawn.

Knesset Extends Seven Emergency Regulations

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Seven emergency regulations which will expire at midnight tonight were extended by the Knesset yesterday. Some of them are due to be replaced during the year by new regular legislation.

THE MEASURE IS:

1. A bill providing that the restrictions on working hours shall not apply, if collective agreements are reached between the Manufacturers' Association and the General Federation of Labour (Histadrut), where it is necessary to stagger hours of work due to shortages of electricity. This regulation was extended until April 30.

2. Provisions of the Defense Regulations inherited from the Mandatory Government, which are the legal basis for controls on imports and services, prices, rents, currency and rationing were extended until June 30. Bills providing for the introduction of new legislation to cover these matters have passed first reading and are now in committee.

3. The temporary Army Code, which is to be replaced by a new code, was extended until April 30.

4. Provisions concerning the penalties for army persons and convicted of traffic violations, which are the legal basis for the Army's "Operational Manual" road safety campaign, were extended until April 30.

5. The charter recognizing the Bank Leumi as the local branch of the Bank for Israel currency was extended until December 31, 1952. Opposition motions designed to curb the authority of the Government to issue Treasury bills and real estate bonds as backing for currency were defeated.

6. The regulations prohibiting the sale of arms to the Knesset in order to protect the safety of members of the Knesset.

G.Z. Pick Kishonov For Deputy Speaker

Mr. Tsviye Kishonov will be nominated by the General Assembly to fill the place of Mr. Yosef Sarle as Deputy Speaker in the Knesset. Mr. Sarle became Minister of Health.

The nomination will be submitted to the parliamentary House Committee next week.

Another place in the podium which is still vacant is that given up by Mrs. Hanna Landau, who resigned when she left the Mapam party. An impasse developed when Mapam nominated Dr. Hannah Rabin to replace her and Mapai objected to him because of a speech in the Knesset in which he said it was possible that Zionist leaders arrested in Romania may have been ordinary criminals.

Parity Committee

The General Zionists have named their representatives to the Mapai-General Zionists party committee which will discuss cooperation in municipal and local councils. They are Mr. Haim Ariv, M.M.; Mr. Haim Daniell, the Tel Aviv Municipal Council and Mr. Yosef Tamir, Secretary-General of the Party.

It is understood that the Mapai representatives will be Mayor Aha Khonsky, of Haifa; Mayor Pinhas Rashi, of Petah Tikvah and Mr. E. Schechter, of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council.

Year's Prison For Fatal Negligence

HAIFA, Tuesday (ITIM).—Found guilty of causing the death through carelessness of two-year-old Yoseph Tam, Shlomo Nahari, 28, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge H. Eshar in the District Court here today.

Nahari was a member of the Goren work village near Kibbutz Ein Hashofet and was driving a tractor when the accident happened. He stated that he was learning to drive at the time.

It is understood that if this continues to happen to him he will be dismissed.

He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge H. Eshar in the District Court here today.

TRAFFIC POLICE IN MUFTI ARREST 46 VIOLATORS

Jerusalem traffic police—wearing plain clothes—yesterday arrested more than 40 traffic violators on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road in half a day.

HIT-RUN DRIVER KILLS MAN, 64

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM).—Mr. R. Loewenthal, 64, of Herzlia, was killed by a hit-and-run truck driver on the Nathanya-Tel Aviv road last night. He died before reaching hospital.

GIRL WHO SPAT AT JUDGE SENT TO JAIL

HAIFA, Tuesday (ITIM).—Raya Weintraub, 27, the girl who spat at the Magistrate, Mrs. M. Starkman, when she was remanded on a charge of theft a fortnight ago, was sentenced here today.

Magistrate H. Shmueli sent her to jail for three months on charges of attempted assault, assaulting a person in public service and disorderly conduct in a public place. The accused pleaded guilty.

BAN ON BREAD FOR ANIMALS

An order forbidding the purchase, sale and use of bread for animal food, was gazetted over the signature of A. Hilevi, the Food Controller, on December 8.

If quantities of bread are sold under circumstances which lead to the conclusion that they are not destined for personal use, or for the use of a shop, the seller will be prohibited to have sold them for animal food, unless he can prove the contrary. Similar provisions apply to buyers in whom possession of unreasonable quantities of bread are found.

Old City Polio Victim

Achad, a 10-year-old boy who fell sick with infantile paralysis in the Old City of Jerusalem, was yesterday brought by French agents to a hospital for treatment.

He was received by the Frenchman order which maintains an orphanage in Israel.

SAFETY SQUADS Meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Mr. Michael Bar, Director of Road Transport, lectured some 1,700 Jerusalem school-children on the dangers of disregarding the Safety First code at a gala meeting of the capital's "Safety Squads" yesterday morning. The Orion Cinema was packed to overflowing with youngsters from the top classes of all the Jerusalem elementary schools, which provide volunteers for the smartly-uniformed Safety Squad. Companions in white armlets and black berets, these 250 boys and girls help traffic police on duty, besides teaching road-rules to fellow-pupils.

Assistant Superintendent H. Ephraim, chairman of the local Safety Squads, also dwelt on the importance of pedestrians' carelessness as a factor in raising the death-toll from accidents.

DUBEK 10

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday (UP).—Three opponents are to leave to Israel by Philadelphia Zoo within a few weeks for Dr. H. Mandelbaum of the Tel Aviv Zoo. They are to be exchanged for some hyenas, which are native to Israel.

RATION NEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday (UP).—

1. Oil and kerosene are to be rationed at 5.5 liters per month. Petrol is to be rationed at 10 liters per month.

2. The 1000-tonner "DUBEK" arrived.

HAIFA MAGISTRATE RESIGNS

HAIFA, Tuesday (ITIM).—Mr. David H. Hirsch, magistrate of the Old City of Jerusalem, has resigned his post.

He was succeeded by Mr. H. Hirsch, a former member of the Ministry of Interior arrived.

TWO LAWYERS in the Ministry of Justice have been appointed to the bench. One is Dr. David H. Hirsch, a former member of the Ministry of Interior arrived.

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of Jerusalem, Israel

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Jerusalem, December 30, 1952

Her Kochba Period Scroll Found in Cave

A scroll from the period of the Herodian Kingdom, which was discovered in a cave in the Judean Desert, was exhibited yesterday at the Israel Museum.

The scroll, discovered by a member of the Israel Museum staff, was identified as the scroll of the Law of Moses.

The scroll, which is 1,500 years old, is the only scroll of the Law of Moses found in the Judean Desert.

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